

Archaeological Site Management and Interpretation Ukraine

OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) is seeking qualified experts in archaeological site management and interpretation to provide technical assistance in Ukraine.

BACKGROUND: DOI-ITAP provides technical assistance to other countries on subjects of Departmental expertise, on a reimbursable basis. The program is currently operating in some twenty countries with support from organizations such as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the State Department, World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The National Preserve of Tauric Chersonesos is Ukraine's leading ancient archaeological site. While the ancient Greek port city of Chersonesos is protected within the status of a national preserve, its related *chora*, or agricultural territory, one of only two ancient chorai to have survived to the present day, is in urgent need of protection from urban encroachment. The creation of an Archaeological Park of the Ancient Chora will ensure this unique site's future.

It is envisioned that the Archaeological Park of the Ancient Chora will be the first-ever park of its kind to exhibit authentic features of an ancient Greek chora: farm estates, planting walls for grapevines, wine presses, division roads, and agricultural fields. Methods of experimental archaeology, based on studies of ancient plants and soils, will attempt to recreate the ancient technology of wine making, from the grape seed to the final taste of wine, in order to reveal aspects of daily life in a Greek countryside hitherto unknown to us. The Park of the Ancient Chora will take science one step further than do many other archaeological sites and engage the visitor's imagination through interactive learning activities.

In an effort to ensure that the Archaeological Park of the Chora of Chersonesos becomes a world-class center for professional research, informal learning and recreation, the Center for the Study of Ancient Territories (CSAT), a non-profit research organization, has been working with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Ukraine and specifically its Institute for Monument Protection Research, which develops national standards for cultural heritage preservation. The Institute's chief archaeologist, Dr. Tymur Bobrowskyy, and historian Anna Zviriyaka are responsible for creating guidelines for the conservation and management of archaeological parks in Ukraine.

DOI-ITAP has designed a U.S. study tour for Dr. Bobrowskyy and Ms. Zviriyaka to introduce them to counterparts in the U.S. and expose them to issues relating to the

management of parks, and especially those with major archaeological components. The team is slated to visit:

- Jamestown Settlement
- Jamestown National Historical Park
- Colonial Williamsburg
- Historic St. Mary
- Sturbridge Village
- Plymouth Plantation
- Lake Champlain Maritime Research Institute

As a result of their travel, it is expected that the team will have a concrete understanding of methods of best practice in the fields of museum and site interpretation, conservation, and public archaeology, and will be in a position to develop a nation-wide system for the management of archaeological parks.

As a follow-on to the study tour, DOI-ITAP would like to assemble a team of site managers, conservators, and educators to travel to Ukraine to view Chersonesos and other important archaeological territories which are ear-marked to become parks, and lend their professional advice in the management of those sites.

ASSIGNMENT: It is anticipated that one team of 3-4 experts will travel to Ukraine in Fall 2008. The assignment will be for approximately 2 weeks in the field, with two weeks required for preparation and two weeks for follow-up at duty stations within the U.S.

SCHEDULE: This two-week assignment will likely begin in the fall of 2008, with some degree of flexibility for setting dates amenable to selected candidates.

PRE- AND POST-TRIP DUTIES: All travel and in-country logistics will be handled by DOI-ITAP. Background material will be provided to the selected individuals prior to departure. The selected individuals will be expected to work in collaboration with the DOI-ITAP manager on the preparation and follow-up for the technical assistance over phone and email.

Within 3 weeks of the completion of the trip, the team will provide the DOI-ITAP manager a brief draft trip report of the trip events, evaluations made, and recommendations for future related training and technical assistance in Ukraine.

COSTS: The International Technical Assistance Program will cover all travel costs associated with this assignment (round-trip airfare, lodging, meals, immunizations, per diem, etc.). The salaries of the team members, however, will be paid by their employing DOI agency for the duration of the international assignment, including pre- and post-trip obligation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Persons wishing to be considered for this assignment:

- Must be a current or retired employee of DOI;
- Must have demonstrated experience in one or more aspects of the following:
 - Archaeological Site Management
 - Cultural Resource Interpretation
- Must have demonstrated ability to work with and adapt to the needs and abilities of agencies and professionals of different ethnic or cultural groups;
- Previous international experience is desirable.

Upon selection, candidates must submit a current physician-signed letter or medical review form indicating fitness for duty.

If you are selected for this assignment you will be responsible for obtaining your supervisor's approval to participate in this program.

HOW TO APPLY

Persons interested in being considered for this international assignment should send a resume or letter summarizing relevant work experience. A form SF 171 is acceptable. Please submit applications (electronically is preferred) to:

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Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed and interviews conducted as they are received.

All NPS applicants should also copy their applications to Rudy D'Alessandro in the NPS Office of International Affairs.

Employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement are required to have supervisory approval prior to submitting an application.

Application Process

A short list of candidates will be interviewed by telephone. The entire selection process may take several weeks. All candidates will be notified of the results of the selection process by telephone, email or letter.

The position is open to all applicants that meet the stated requirements.